



SECRET ORDERS.

THE COST OF THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON

The cost of the building of King Solomon's Temple, an Ancient Grand Master, the talents of gold, silver and brass were equal to the enormous sum of \$6,879,822,000. The worth of the jewels is placed at a figure equally as high. The vessels of gold according to Josephus were valued at 140,000 talents, which reduced to English money equal £575,296,203. The vessels of silver, according to the same authority were still more valuable, being worth as much as £646,344,000. Priests vestments and robes of singers £2,010,000. The trumpets £200,000, add to this the expense of building material, labor, etc. Some wonderful figures result.

Ten thousand men hewing cedars, 60,000 bearers of burdens, 80,090 hewers of stone and overseers, all employed for seven years and beside their wages, Solomon bestowed £6,733,970. If their daily food was worth 50 cents per day the sum total for all was £63,877,088, during the time of the building. The material in the rough estimate being worth £2,545,237,000, total for this much of the expense. Which by no means express the whole cost of £10,719,760,261 or about \$52,117,034,867.06.

GEMS FROM THE QUARRIES.

Jan. 27.—Noble M. L. Robinson, 33° Deputy Grand Patron, Daughters of Sphynx, organized at Alexandria, Va. Eureka court, D. of S., with the following officers: Mrs. Julia Triplett, W. G. M., Mrs. Ida F. Robinson, W. V. M., Mrs. Edith Taylor, H. P.

Illustrious Shedrick Jackson, Patron, Mrs. Hester Carter, Advocate. Mrs. Emma Credit, Councilor; Mrs. S. Jackson, Exequer; Miss Kate Anderson, Recorder; Miss Lena Triplett, F. C.; Miss Jennie Robinson, F. C. of G.; Mrs. A. Hamilton, S. C. of G. Mrs. Alice Hackley, T. C. of G.

Mrs. Emma Jackson, Guardian, The Sphynx is under the Imperial Council of Mystic Shrine for N. S. A.

Last week Geo. C. Whiting lodge No. 22, F. A. A. M., celebrated its 29th anniversary. The affair had an added interest from the fact that it was designed in honor of the three highest officers of the fraternity, viz.: The Grand Master, the M. E. G. H. P., and the R. E. G. All the being Past Masters and members of lodge, 22. In the opinion of the Grand Master La Rue Thomas of the General Grand Encampment, the honor of having the three highest offices from same lodge has never before been enjoyed by any masonic lodge in the country.

Noble Magnus L. Robinson, 33°, instituted at Alexandria, Va. Magnus Temple of A. A. O. N. M. S., with the following officers: M. L. Robinson, Potentate; Rev. R. B. Robinson, Chief Rabbi; Shedrick Jackson, Assistant Rabbi; Rev. R. H. Robinson, H. P. and P.; Frank Williams, Oriental Guide; W. C. Payne, Treasurer; W. A. Carter, Recorder; J. A. Sexton, F. C. M. S. C. M. Philip Brown, Capt. of the Guard; Rev. J. F. Waters.

At the 55th annual meeting of the S. C. of M., held in Philadelphia recently, the following full board was represented Grand Master, J. F. Needham of Pa., D. G. Master, Wilson of La., Grand Secretary, Brooks of Ky., Grand Treasurer, Smith of Va., Grand Directors: D. A. Clark of Washington, L. L. Lee of Atlanta, Ga., E. H. Morris of Chicago, Ill., B. T. Thorton of Indianapolis, Ind., a number of Dispensations for new lodges and warrants for new households, were approved also the new District Household Constitution. The Grand Secretary was authorized to canvass the returns of lodges and the compulsory endowment plan, and to announce the results. The State of Texas has adopted the compulsory plan of insurance.

There will never be any peace in Masonry until the officers in charge cease firing with usurpations of power etc. The American Signet of October 1897 and January 1898 furnishes several good illustrations one of which we publish.

Sherman, Texas, Dec. 14th, 1897. Mr. J. Scott,—You have been charged with un-masonic conduct by reason of the publication of a newspaper known as The American Signet of the date of October 1897, before the Grand Lodge of the State of Texas and the Grand Lodge having assumed original jurisdiction of the case, you are, further notified that you have been suspended from all the rights, privileges and benefits of a master mason of the jurisdiction until a full and final investigation of the charges.

J. W. McKinney

Grand Master.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Lodge, this 15th, day of December 1897.

[SEAL]

A. H. Terrell,

Grand Secretary State of Texas.

Next week we will show up this well informed (?) Grand Master and expose his weak points: Masonic from jurisprudence.

The suffrage meeting was a success.

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